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## Partnering for Excellence

Story by  
**Capt. Blake Young**  
**176th Finance**

**I**t is estimated the war in Iraq is costing somewhere between \$1 billion and \$3 billion per day. How are such large sums of money necessary to support operations budgeted, spent, and accounted for?

The 8th Army Resource Management office and the 175th Finance Command, with support from 8th Army CONUS, combined forces during RSO&I to address these questions. Coming together to form the Joint Financial Management Integration Operation (JFMIO) cell, the separate organizations are working together as a team to address these issues in advance of any contingency situation on the Korean Peninsula.

Resource Management and the FINCOM bring unique capabilities and skills to the JFMIO. The Resource Management office develops the budget and projects anticipated funding requirements to ensure warfighter's needs are met. The FINCOM "carries the nation's checkbook" and serves as a logistical multiplier by providing funds to purchase critical supplies, equipment and services. By combining forces, the JFMIO

aims to meet all financial needs during contingencies while maintaining an accurate and up-to-date picture of exactly how much money is spent and where.

The cell is developing a TACSOP to integrate and standardize all functions of JFMIO for use in future exercises and contingencies. By ironing out all financial procedures and developing common approaches, the JFMIO will be better prepared to meet the needs of the commanders and warfighters.

The JFMIO cell also ties in a working relationship with Central Contracting, Korea (CCK). Maj. Anthony Cole, OIC of HHC, S-3, stated, "The Financial Management picture is not complete without the support of CCK. The direct line that we have established with CCK's representative creates the final piece to our one-stop-shop".

In addition, the FINCOM is conducting pay missions during RSO&I 04 in support of the J-4 Wartime Host Nation Support (WHNS) contract exercise. Finance

support teams from the 176th and 177th Finance Battalions will make several payments throughout the peninsula. The payments are made via a Standard Form 44 utilizing a paying agent from the Finance unit and a Field Ordering Officer from WHNS J-4.

"Utilizing the FINCOM to make cash payments creates a seamless process for the J-4 WHNS contract exercise and keeps personnel trained on the basics of cash procurement procedures," said Lt. Col John Gray, WHNS Plans Officer, J-4.

Master Sgt. Shirley Smoot, operations NCO of RM noted, "Coordinating and synchronizing these important functions is the right thing to do. These efforts now will pay long term dividends and we'll finish this exercise better than we started."



Photo by Pfc. Yum, Tae-sung

*Members of 8th U.S. Army CONUS finance unit review the essential budget functions.*



## What's up

### Mail Service

- Bldg #208, 764-4163  
 - Hours of Operation  
 1000 - 1300, 1400 - 1700 Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri  
 0900 - 1200 Thurs, Sat

### Joint Trouble Desk at CP Oscar

If any circuit, tactical or DSN line problem occurs,  
 call 764-3400.  
 1st Signal brigade personnel is on duty for 24 hours.

## Weather for Daegu

### MARCH 25



**Hi**    **Low**  
**63 F**   **41 F**  
**17 C**    **5 C**

### MAR 26



**Hi**    **Low**  
**64 F**   **41 F**  
**18 C**    **5 C**

## Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain (Col.) Michael W. Malone

### "St. Matthew's Principle"

Jesus tells a parable in which a wealthy man plans a trip and leaves his money in the custody of his managers. When he returns he calls them in to give account of how they managed his resources. Two of the managers invested the money and returned it to him with interest. The third manager is a thief of the rich man and hid the money in the ground. He returns only the money he was given. The rich man is angry with him and gives his money to the first two managers. Jesus then says, "For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him (Matthew 25:29)." St. Matthew's Principle works in many situations. The more you lift weights the stronger you become. The more you read the better reader you become. However, if you slack off, you will lose what you have once had. Use it or lose it. And, if you are disciplined in prayer, your prayers will become stronger and stronger.

## Voice of Warriors: *What do you do for your free time during this exercise?*



Cpt. Michael Yourko  
 Aide de CAMP  
 8th U.S. Army CONUS

*"Mostly shop, but I also enjoy the time spent with Soldiers from our other Detachments as well as the active components."*



Cpt. Martha Hiraldo  
 Escort officer  
 8th U.S. Army G-4

*"I usually work out at Kelly Fitness Center. I also love reading, and just started a new book, 'Once an Eagle'."*



Sgt. David Jefferies Jr.  
 Driver  
 8th U.S. Army CONUS

*"Utilize the Kelly Fitness Center, MWR, and Cyber Cafe. I watch movies and study for Primary Leadership Development Course."*



Cpl. Park, Je-sung  
 Admin specialist  
 8th U.S. Army G-5

*"I usually conduct PT to stay fit during my free time. I also listen to music before going to bed."*



# USFK J-4: Bigger and Better at CP Oscar

Story by  
Pfc. Daniel Love

**T**he new United States Forces Korea building that now towers over Command Post Oscar houses more war fighters and more equipment than its smaller, rustier predecessor that once occupied the same location.

One of the sections that benefits from this change is the USFK J-4 logistics section, which occupies a large amount of the first floor after moving from a 'quonset hut' at 2nd Republic of Korea Army compound near Daegu.

The USFK J-4 is in charge of getting supplies to Korea in a time of contingency. These supplies are vital to the war effort of the United States, the Republic of Korea, and their allies.

"We need to be able to generate combat power quickly from the multiple components and sustain them," said Brig. Gen. Michael J. Schweiger, contingency J-4.

The J-4 is split into several sections. The automation section was one of the sections that moved from the S-ROKA building to CP Oscar.

"The hardest part of moving from the old building to here, was the fact that here we have more space,"

said Maj. Brian E. Swecker, logistics automation chief. "We had to decide what equipment we could have. At S-ROKA, we had little containers. We survived with a few computers and plasma screens. When they moved us here and gave us more space, it allowed us to use the right amount of equipment to get the job done."

The J-4 is much smaller during peacetime. A lot of the CP Oscar J-4 staff is made up of National Guard and Reserve troops, boosting the staff to around 85.

"The peacetime J-4 is only 23 people," said Col. Debra A. Shattuck, the USFK logistics battle captain. "For exercises, most of the people you see here are Reservists. We have some people from a Reserve unit in Hawaii, and some from an Ohio Navy Reserve unit."

The unit is mostly Reservists during wartime and is made of servicemembers from all services, so they practice working together during exercises to ensure integration is smooth.

"The J-Staff looks at the situation from the joint perspective, taking into account all of the services," said Swecker. "Our focus is getting the supplies and people needed into theater. We get supplies from the source and make sure they get there."

## Voice of the Hwarang Staff ( MAR 2004 )

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# Watch out for the 'Yellow Dust' phenomenon

Story by  
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**H**ave you had eye irritation or a sore throat recently? If so, it may be because of the 'Yellow Dust' phenomenon that has been occurring all over Korea. In the months of March and April, this phenomenon otherwise known as 'Hwangsae' in Korean, commonly occurs in the Land of the Morning Calm.

This seasonal dust storm originates from the deserts in and around China and Mongolia. As the soil that was frozen during the winter melts and breaks apart, it becomes small sandy dust. Strong winds cause this dust to be lifted up into the air and across Korea. Once over Korea, it hangs in the air and causes much harm.

Even though the dust is harmful to the environment and machinery,

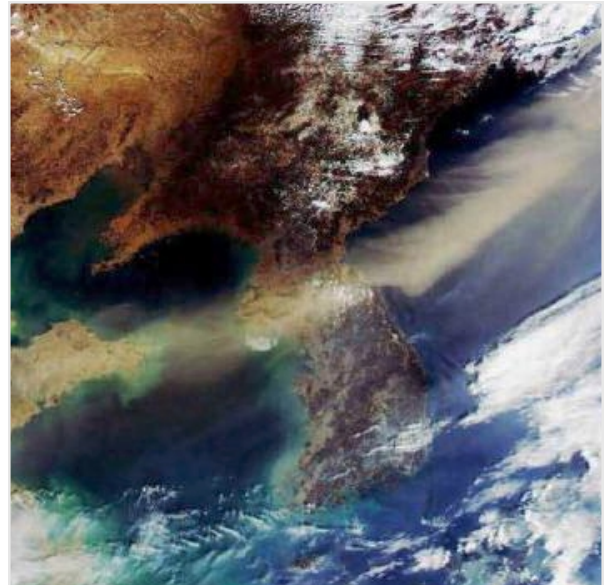


Photo by Pfc. Kim, Taek-hyun

*Washing your eyes, nose and hands thoroughly will help Soldiers get less irritation from 'Yellow Dust'. It is advised that Soldiers act prudently in keeping their hygiene level high.*

it is especially harmful to the human body. That is why it has been a serious issue in Korea for the past several years. The dust consists of heavy metallic substances such as lead, cadmium, copper, quartz and aluminum, which are harmful to the human body. These and other elements within it can cause people to have allergies, all sorts of respiratory problems and in severe cases, cancer in the long run. Due to these problems, movements around the world to stop desertification, which is the main cause of the dust, are taking place.

Movements such as tree planting and using less chemical fertilizer, are being done. But these are only long term solutions. Unfortunately, the only thing we can do at the moment is to avoid it. To keep out of danger, each individual should try to minimize outdoor activities when a warning is put out. For those who need to be outside, it is advised that you use a mask and also thoroughly wash hands, feet, eyes and nose often



Courtesy of KMA

*The thin brown line above the satellite picture of Korea, shows the movement of 'Yellow Dust'. This line is the frequent route the dust has been floating in, in recent years.*

to wash off the dust.

This situation can be a problem for Soldiers as well. That is why it is advised that Soldiers avoid outdoor activities and outdoor PT when signs of 'Yellow Dust' are evident.

According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), due to the changes in weather, the situation has improved recently. However, Soldiers must be cautious and aware of this phenomenon as it can become harmful without notice. So be advised, wash regularly and avoid being outdoors.

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